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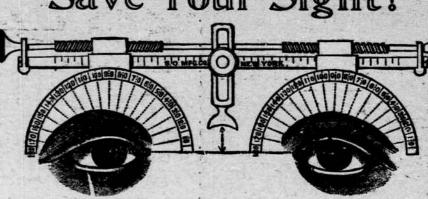
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CHESS AND ITS PLAYERS

Messrs. Farquhar and Johnson will play a match of ten games at checkers at the Lakeview Club, corner of N street and New Jersey avenue northwest, on Friday evening. Next to Mundelle, they are probably the two best players in the District. The public is invited to witness the match,

The remaining members of the cable match team have not been selected, but the indications point to the selection of the District champion, F. B. Walker, as one of the team, or as one of the two substitutes. The local club has not heard anything further from the Brooklyn club in regard to the matter, but the Brooklyn Eagle of last Sunday contained a reproduction of his photograph and a sketch of his chess career, and stated that he will probably play on the cable chess team. Mr. Walker is a native of New York state, but spent most of his life in Cleveland, Ohio, where he learned to play chess and became one of the leading Cleveland players. He came to Washington in 1885, but took no part in chess until the Libbey cup tourneys were started here in the beginning of 1894. Mr. Walker finished close behind Wright and Hanna, who tied for first place Wright and Hanna, who tied for first place in three successive tourneys. Two years ago he won second prize in the individual tourney, and last year he won the Washington club championship. He has won two matches from Mr. Gwyer by 5 to 0 and 6 to 0 and 1 draw; he won the District championship from Mr. Wright by default, the score being 5 to 4 in favor of Mr. Wright, and he has scored 6 wins to 2 for Capt. O'Farrell in their pending match. Capt. O'Farrell in their pending match. He has never lost a game in a simultaneous exhibition given by a master, having won games from Capt. Mackenzie, Zuckertort, Gossip, Hodges and Showalter.

The other candidates prominently mentioned for a place on the team are as follows: Walter Penn Shipley of Philadelphia, who is rated one of the best amateurs in the country, and will undoubtedly be selected; Sidney P. Johnston of Chicago, who was on the reserve list for the American team in 1896, when there were but eight men on the team, and whose prospects for a place are very good; Franklin K. Young of Boston, author of "Minor Tactics of Chess" and "The Grand Tactics of Chess," who is backed by Barry of the cable team. In addition to these, there are several other strong Philadelphia players whose names are mentioned in connection with the team, and it would not be surprising to see on of them chosen, the differences between the Brooklyn and Franklin clubs having been settled. Among the Philadelphians men-tioned are S. W. Bampton, J. A. Kaiser, M. Morgan, J. P. Morgan, C. J. Newman, G. C. Reichhelm, A. K. Robinson and D. Stuart

The Pennsylvania State Chess Associa-The Pennsylvania state chess Association will have a one-day championship tournament at Philadelphia on Washington's birthday, and the New York State Association will hold a similar tournament at New York city the same day, but, so far as learned, no tournament has been

arranged to take place in the District on that day. In the correspondence match between the United States and Canada, twelve on a side, the present score is 4½ to 1½ in favor of the United States. The latest victory

of the United States. The latest victory was gained by F. B. Walker of this city over H. M. Christie of Orillia.

One of the latest chess books published is entitled "The Rice Gambit," which is a modification of the Kleserizky Gambit, white giving up a piece as follows: IP-K4 P-K4, 2P-KB4 PxP, 3 Kt-KB3 P-K Kt4, P-K44 P-K15, 5 Kt-K5 Kt-KB3, 6 B-B4 P-Q4, 7 PxP B-Q3, 8 castles, BxKt. White, however, is thereby enabled to obtain a splendid attack White, however, is thereby enabled to obtain a splendid attack.
Representatives H. C. Griffin of Natchez, Miss., and Benjamin Ambrosten of New Orleans dropped into the Chess Club recently, seeking an opportunity to play. Of course, they found opponents, and, as might have been expected, were beaten by some of the local experts, but they, nevertheless, showed considerable ability.

After the late cable match it was charged that Representative Redime received as-

After the late cable match it was charged that Representative Bodine received assistance in his game against his English competitor, which, of course, any one cognizant of the facts knows to be absolutely false. Saturday night, in a game with Representative Handy, who had just won a piece Mr. Redine sacrificed his gueen a piece, Mr. Bodine sacrificed his queen, and mated with a rook in the same man-ner that he defeated the Englishman. The secrifice was made instantly, as it was in the case of the game in the cable match.

THE COMING CABLE MATCH

The Washington public is taking a great deal of interest in the coming international cable match between representatives of this country and representatives of Great Britain and Ireland. This interest is largely due to the fact that a local player has been mentioned for a place on the team. During the past week the dates were decided upon, the British chess club accepting March 18 and 19 next as the days upon which the contest shall take place. Further than this nothing appears to have been done, and the selection of the remaining four players and two substitutes is yet to be made. The local club has not ly well.

received any communication from the Brooklyn club in reference to the match since the conference reported a week ago. The Brooklyn club and Franklin Club of Philadelphia have patched up their differences, and the club from the city of brotherly love has entered into the coming match with an energetic spirit, with the prospect of having at least two Philadelphia players on the next American team. This would leave but two places on the team to be filled, besides two substitutes. The committee charged with the selection of the players will not be without material when the different clubs are heard from. In fact, the Brooklyn club had a list of players which it was considering when a preliminary tournament to decide who should play on the team was proposed. According to the Brooklyn Eagle, this list covers pretty thoroughly all the available men in the country. The list comprised D. G. Baird, L. Schmidt, jr., W. M. de Visser of Greater New York; W. P. Shipley, S. W. Bampton, G. Reichnelm and M. Morgan of Philadelphia; Burille and F. K. Young of Boston; F. B. Walker of Washington; Judge L. L. Labbott of New Orleans; J. L. McCutcheon and B. Lutton of Pittsburg; S. P. Johnston, Dr. D. T. Phillips and C. Medimus of Chicago, and A. H. Robbins of St. Louis. Messrs. H. Helms and F. M. Teed of last year's team are unavailable. A tournament between the players mentioned would have been most exciting, and Teed of last year's team are unavailable. A tournament between the players mentioned would have been most exciting, and would have aroused more interest in chess circles throughout the country than any event that has happened for years. It would have lasted three weeks, and was, therefore, considered impracticable. Since the report that Mr. Walker, the District champion, had been suggested as a member of the cable team, there has been more of a disposition shown on the part nore of a disposition shown on the part of the other local experts to try conclu sions with him, and to try to wrest his laurels from him. Mr. L. Tharp is quite desirous of having a match for the District championship, and it is very probable that after the Walker-O'Farrell match is concluded that he will play the winner. Mr. E. P. Hanna will also be fond ready to

There have been but few games played the past week in the championship tourna-ment at the Washington Chess Club. Mr. Campbell distinguished himself by defeat-ing Mr. Thomas, being his second victory tournament. He played carefully and observed one of the unwritten rules of the game, viz: Study your opponent's game as carefully as your own. Failure to observe this rule results in the loss of many games. It is very easy to pick out a promising line of play, but much harder to choose the best line of play, after studying your opposited a proportion of the studying our opponent's opportunities. After ecting a move, it is always wise to study the different replies that may be made to it. Mr. Campbell played his final game in the tournament on Wednesday with Mr. Tucker. The game was close and was won hy Mr. Tucker. Tucker in about sixty-five moves, hough Mr. Campbell at one time was a pawn ahead

The following is the standing of the play-Lost Won.
1 Thomas 444
2 Tucker 342
2 Mundelle 3
342 Campbell 2
5 Crofts 114
5 Allen 1

Messrs. Charles Farquhar and A. W Johnson, two of the leading checker play ers of the District, are matched to play ers of the District, are matched to play next Friday evening at the Highview Club. corner of N street and New Jersey avenue northwest. The match will consist of ten games and will commence at 7 o'clock. Both players are strong, each having recently defeated Mr. W. B. Mundelle, the District champion, in friendly contests. All lovers of the game are invited to witness. overs of the game are invited to witness

A most promising new member of the Washington Chess Club is Mr. H. F. Saumenig, who vanquished Mr. Walker, the District champion, in a pretty manner in an off-hand game one afternoon the past week. With practice he would make a strong player, but he player for recreating strong player, but he plays for recreation only.

The following is the score of Mr. Camp-

bell's game against Mr. Thomas

White. 1 P.-K4 2 Kt-KB3 KxP K-Kt6 K-Kt7 K-B8 K-B7 K-K8 K-K7 46 K-Q2 47 K-Q3 48 K-B2 49 K-K12 50 K-K12 51 P-QR4 52 P-R5 53 P-B4 54 PxK1P BxKt B-KB4? and White resigned after four more moves. Mr. Campbell played the ending exceeding-

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BASE BALL GOSSIF

To ascertain, as far as possible, just what the sentiment is among the base ball mag nates as to the sholltion of the "bunt sacrifice," The Evening Star has written the different officials of the National League for their opinion on the subject. Thirteen letters were sent out, including one to Pres-ident Young. Of this number, eight replies have been received. Presidents Wagner, Watkirs, Ebbetts and Muckenfuss favor the abolition of the bunt with men on bases, and Presidents Robison, Brush and soden are in faver of its retention. President Young is suit of town and no reply could be obtained from him, while President Hart of the Chicago club is chairman of the rules committee, and on this account ne refused to express an opinion. The replies of Presidents Wagner and

The replies of Presidents Wagner and Watkins have already been published in full, and have proven interesting reading. President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club says, in part:

"I favor the abolition of the bunt sacrifice' when runners are on bases, for the reason that I believe the public, who support the game, would be better pleased and entertained by the more open play which the abolishment would bring about."

B. S. Muckenfuss, the newly elected president of the St. Louis club, writes as folident of the St. Louis club, writes as fol-

lows:

"I think the public prefers seeing clear, full-arm hitting, and for that reason favor the entire abolition of 'bunting.' In my estimation the doing away with the 'bunt' would add greatly to, the interest of the game, as it would develop hitherto unknown hitting abilities, triple the outfielding aborage and put more life into the ing chances, and put more life into the game. Nothing in the game so much detracts from its charm as bad bunting, and there are not six players who can successfully resort to this parlor artifice. Let us have stugging the ball, and pienty of it. That will create lots of excitement, please every club except Baltimore, and swell the gate receipts; and none of us are in the business for our health."

Of those who favor the retention of the 'bunt sacrifice' President Frank De Hass Robison leads off with a most entertain-ing letter of considerable length, the gist ing letter of considerable length, the gist of which is as follows:

"I think it would be very unwise for the league to meddle in any way with the rule or rules governing sacrifice or 'bunt' hits. I think it is entitled to the same position in base ball that an Al pitcher is. The fact is that the players who are is. The fact is that the players who are successful in making 'sacrifice' or 'bunt' hits today in the National League are by no means the heaviest men in weight, nor are they the heaviest batters, and as ball players consist of men weighing from 130 to 210 pounds, each one having some slight advantage over the other either as a pitcher, catcher or fielder, therefore, I believe that a player who is a successful sacrifice hitter is entitled to as much praise believe that a player who is a successful sacrifice hitter is entitled to as much praise and credit as an At pitcher. If any one will study carefully the make-up of the twelve different clubs they will find that each one has a player or two who are distinguished for some point in their playing that other players do not possess. In medding with the pules regarding 'sacrifice' or 'bunt' hits we are simply legislating or 'bunt' hits we are simply legislating against a few ball players who have be-come efficient in this one line. It is like a

laws to govern a few institutions which always are unconstitutional because they are not applicable to all."

John T. Brush, the president of the Cincinnati dub, who is considered the "daddy of them all" when it comes down to base ball politics or rules affecting the game,

state government undertaking to make laws to govern a few institutions which

writes as follows: "I am in favor of what is termed the 'bunt' hit, which is productive of brillian and exciting results at times, whether there are runners on the bases or not. A batter is entitled to his base if he can ge batter is entitled to his base it he can get it upon any ball that he hits into fair terri-tery, whether it be in front of the plate or over the head and beyond the reach of the outfielders. All fair territory is oper to his use and skill and fully as much skill is exercised in dropping the ball just out of reach of an infielder as there is in getting it away from an outfielder, if not more. The infield being in fair territory, why not use it? You would hardly expect rapid base running if we compelled the base runners to run backward or on all fours, and yet that would be about as ensible as it would be to say that the bat ter should not use the infield in which to place a base hit if he could successfully

Arother popular magnate who favors the etention of the "bunt" is President Arthur H. Soden of the Boston club, who writes as

"I am not in favor of the abolition of the bunt sacrifice, bilieving it to be of great benefit to the game, especially with one or more bases occupied. To successfully bunt the ball and advance the base runner bunt the ball and advance the base runner requires more skill than to hit the ball over the fence for a home run. The bunt hit, often attempted for a sacrifice bunt, but frequently resulting in a base hit, is greatly enjoyed by the spectators, and gives abundant opportunities to first and third basemen and pitcher to do brilliant fielding, which the patrons of the game justly appreciate and enthusiastically applaud. I am strongly in favor of retaining the sacrifice bunt hit, believing it to be one of the most scientific and expert features of the national game."

tures of the national game.' The four presidents that have not as yet written their opinions for The Star are Reach of Philadelphia, Freedman of New Yerk, Pulliam of Louisville and Von Der Horst of Baltimore. The latter's opinion can be easily guessed at, while the New York president, caring little for the rules of the game, would probably vote with his friend Soden of Boston. Reach can be also placed on this side, while Pulliam would most likely lean toward the abolition of the bent. Summing the situation up in this way, then, the vote on the question would probably result about as follows:

Favoring the retention of the bunt sacrifice—Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Bal-timore, Cleveland, Cincinnati—6. Favoring the abolition of the bunt sacri-Brooklyn, Pittsburg, St. Louis, Louis-

ville, Washington-5.

No opinion to express-Chicago. No opinion to express—Chicago.

This comprehensive review of the "sacrifice bunt" legislation standing shows that there is a great deal more in the "opposition" than was to be expected, although the most unfavorable part of the compiling of the opinion is that this opposition comes entirely from clubs that have been classed or the opinion is that this opposition comes entirely from clubs that have been classed as weak. But that there is an "opposition" is encouraging but Messrs. Wagner and Brown, the originators of the agitation, and a continuation of their missionary work may result successfully in the near future.

Only a couple weeks more and the league schedule will be known, the plums picked and the compiging laid away to rest. Within the next two weeks the bats will be strapped together, did uniforms picked out and alred, and the start made for the south by several of the blubs. The ball players and managers dre growing more hasty in their movements as the middle of February approaches, and when the 15th is at hand and the routes, of games opened up they will be on pins and needles. Railroad and the receipts of games played on the trips during the training season added up, and nothing remains now but to lay out the gold on one hand and pull it in on the other—if there is any to pull. However that may be, it is certain that within two weeks the preliminary season will be under way, and from then to the actual opening is a short step. From the time the schedule is known until the championship games have opened up a view on the new men in the clubs that have taken new faces into their fold. As a matter of fact the crank is just as enthusiastic over the practice games as those that count in the team's standing. It is the first whist of the real thing after winter, and it is as grateful as the boay's first swim. But when the practice season is at an end and the swish of the two-handled ax is heard, what a sight of headless shoulders there will be. The Philadelphis team has almost

thirty-five players under contract, and probably haif of them will have to go. The Pittsburgs, Cincinnatis, Clevelands and Washingtons also have long strings of men and heads will be as plenty as berries is July, Who will go, or where they will go will be settled before the bell rings for the first game. Messrs. Wagner and Brown are holding out their superfluous players against offers from other managers, because they want to see every man at work and do their own picking. Each man of the twenty odd who will gather at National Park in March will understand that upon his work in practice, and the signs he shows, will depend his chances for becoming a member of the regular team. Of the entire outfit there is not a man who would not be labeled good. The picking will be a hard lob, though it is pretty certain that the men with established reputations stand the best chance, but should any of the young blood develop phenomenal indications, reputations will play a small part in the makeup of the senatorial aggregation.

John Heydler, the Washington correspondent of Sporting Life, has the following interesting item to local base ball "fans" in a recent number of that paper:

The, writer overheard an animated discussion the other day between a group of local enthusiasts. It was all owing to a question of which league city furnished the profession with the greatest number of players. Washington received rather a cold deal. In fact, the national capital is precty generally overlooked in arguments of

deal. In fact, the national capital is precty generally overlooked in arguments of this kind. But when one looks over the records of various leagues the extent of Washington's product is not so bad. Not only are there a goodly number of local graduates, but their ability as expressed in figures is uniformly high. Pitcher Fry is the only one with low batting rank, but he made up for this by an excellent percentage of victories.

Some of the players noted are not native.

centage of victories.

Some of the players noted are not natives of the capital, others do not claim it as their present residence, but all entered the professional ranks as a direct result of their training on local diamonds.

Here is a list picked from the major and minor league records, the Texas figures accounting for the first half of the season only:

Fry, p., A. L.

There are many more, of course. "Jack" There are many more, or course. "Jack Gilroy, a native, stood up among the leading batsmen of the Atlantic League when his untimely death came. Among others who played professionally last year, but whose records are not at hand, are Hannegar, Lothrop, Sanford, Borchers, Moran, Purner, Boucher, Loveless, Newton, Powell, Brown, Latz, Cronin, Doubletty, Deale Brown, Latz, Cronin, Dougherty, Doyle and half a dozen more. A highly gratifying showing for the city of magnificent distances, great government reservations, but mighty poor and inadequate accommodations in the way of public playgrounds.

A few years ago it was a rare thing for a A few years ago it was a rare thing for a dozen new players to break into the National League in one season. The list for the season of 1898 eclipses all past records for new-comers. They aggregate seventy-two, and are scattered through the various teams as follows:

Brooklyn—Pitcher Horton, Pitcher Hansford, Infielder Sheckard, Pitcher Yeager, Catcher Ryan, Shortstop Bean, Shortstop Toman.

Toman.

Boston—Pitcher Pittinger, Pitcher Wills,
Pitcher Mills and Infielder Keister.
Baltimore—Pitcher Hughes, Pitcher Kit-

son.
Chicago-Pitcher Isbel, Catcher Chance,
Catcher Bade Myers, Shortstop Ziegler and
Pitcher Woods.
Cincinnati-Outfielder McBride, Outfielder McFarland, Pitcher Goar, Pitcher Phillips, Pitcher Hahn, Outfielder Fleming, Pitcher Hawley, Pitcher Phil Corcoran, Catcher Leach and Infielder Steinfeldt.

Cleveland—Infielder Esterquest, Infielder Beck, Pitcher Blue and Outfielder Gilks.

Louisville—Infielder Richter, Infielder Le-wee, Infielder Stafford, Infielder Carey, Pitcher Thomas, Pitcher Mahaffy, Catcher Twineham, Catcher Fuller and Outfielder

Dillard.
New York—Pitcher Spurline.
Philadelphia—Infielder Elberfield, Catcher Fisher, Outfielder Flick, Pitcher Platt, Pitcher Murphy, Pitcher Bernhardt, Pitcher Duggleby, Pitcher Jamison.
Pittsburg—Infielder Eagan, Pitcher Leever, Pitcher Seott, Pitcher Wolf, Catcher Shaw, Catcher Boyle, Infielder Stewart, Infielder Gray, Outfielder O'Hagan, Outfielder McCarthy.

Inneider Gray, Outfielder O'Hagan, Outfielder McCarthy.

St. Louis—Infielder Hall, Infielder Crooks, Pitcher Gilpatrick, Outfielder Genins, Pitcher Daniels. Catcher Clifford.

Washington—Pitcher Mock, Pitcher Donovan, Catcher Snyder, Pitcher Dineen, Outfielder, McHale, Infielder, Wagner, Pitcher

ovan, Catcher Snyder, Pitcher Dineen, Outfielder McHale, Infielder Wagner, Pitcher Conniff, Catcher Dixon.

The question might be asked, how many of the names on the above list will be doing major league duty the 4th of next July? It is more than an even bet that 75 percent of the new comers will be farmed out to might prove the time. to minor league teams before that time, and 50 per cent of them before the first league championship game is played on

League clubs that have been casting longing eyes on "Cupid" Childs, Jesse Burkett and Louis Sockalexis of the Cleveands now have an opportunity to purchase them. By all the laws of honor and of betting the men no longer belong to the Cleveland club, and the gentleman to whom they do belong is willing to sell them at a reasonable figure. President Robison's faith in Mayor McKisson's ability to down faith in Mayor McKisson's ability to down Senator Hanna is responsible for his lossing the players. During the recent senatorial contest Mr. Robison was in Columbus. While there he came across an old friend in the person of George Boissard, a former base ball writer, and who was in Columbus representing his paper. Mr. Robison insisted that Mr. Hanna would be defeated, while Mr Boissard was equally defeated, while Mr. Boissard was equally

certain that Mr. Robison was wrong and was willing to back his belief.

"Well," said Mr. Robison, "we'll call it a bet, and if Hanna is elected I'll turn Childs, Burkett and Sockalexis over to you and you may dispose of them as you like."

Mr. Hanna was elected and the players belong to Mr. Boissard. The Washington club did need a second baseman and were particularly favorable to Childs, but at the particularly favorable to Satisfied with Rurresent time we will be satisfied with Rurresent time we will be satisfied with Rurresent time we will be satisfied. present time we will be satisfied with Burkett. Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Louisville would no doubt pay handsome prices for the other two men. However, it is safe to say that this trio of players will not be disturbed in Cleveland.

Joe Vila, the well-known base ball writer, has the following good story to tell of players "Dad" Clarke and Fred Tenney: The use of airy persiflage by kickers of The use of airy persifiage by kickers on the field toward one another was the cause of a funny exchange of compliments a few years ago between "Dad" Clarke, the talk-ative pitcher, and Fred Tenney, the Bosyears ago between "Dad" Clarke, the talk-ative pitcher, and Fred Tenney, the Bos-ton's star first baseman. The latter had just graduated from Brown University and had a fine crop of "foot ball" hair, such as is worn by most college athletes. When he made his first appearance here with the Bostons, Clarke, who was pitching for the New Yorks, concluded to have some fun with Tenney with Tenney.
"Say, there!" yelled "Dad," as the ex-Brown man walked to the bench, "you

college-bred guy, why dcn't yer cut that hair off and look nice?".

Tenney turned quickly around to Clarke, and, taking hold of the latter's collar, exclaimed, after stowing a piece of tobacco under his tor.gue:

under his tor.gue:

"If you're talking to me, you cheap duck,
I'll take you under the grandstand after the
game and make you look like a bag of
salt!"

That was too much for Clarke, who was
never known to fight anybody, and, as
Tonney walked off, "Dad," after recovering
his breath, growled:

"College bred, eh? Why, that fellow never went to night school."

Georgetown University will have a fast

player the coming season in young Haf-ford, captain of the Somerville, Mass., high echool last year. A brother of the wellat the university.

at the university.

Good ball players are at a greater premium now than ever before. Some years ago, when the Boston club bought Mike Kelly and John Clarkson for \$10,000 each, it was thought that a most exorbitant figure had been expended for the men, and that never again would a player attain such a value. Since the close of last season it has been demonstrated that instead of the value of the players decreasing with the increased supply, good men are quoted higher than ever before. When Cincipnati offers nine players and \$5,000 for Fred Clarke and the offer is refused, it seems as though the millennium had arrived."

President Muckenfuse of the St. Louis club thinks he would be able to use Tucker

on first base, and has written Mr. Wagner asking on what condition he can get the big infielder. Some time ago Muckenfuss could have had Tucker, but the price was too steep, and his bank account would not allow it. Now, however, things look different, and if not too late Tom will wear a St. Louis uniform.

Jake Morse, the Boston corrrespondent of the Sporting Life, says that Charley Farrell, the Senators well-known catcher, has had an awful time of it the past winter, and a host of friends will sympathize with him in his affliction. He has been constantly at the bedside of his wife, who has been very low with consumption. Charley Gan-

nim in his amiction. He has been constantity at the bedside of his wife, who has been very low with consumption. Charley Ganzell called on him the other day and found him almost overwhelmed with grief. Mrs. Farrell has been very ill for a long time.

Albert Mott, the Baltimore correspondent of the Sporting Life, has the following to say in this week's paper:

"And, do you know, when that little Washington nine come over here there is going to be a decided scrap. Jack Doyle will be bossing that team, and perhaps it won't be his delight to show his Baltimore admirers what he can do when he is let loose. Then, too, Henry Reitz will endeavor to show the Union Park people what they let go, and Amole will feel just like making the ball look as small as possible. "There's the making of a pretty good row. It will be delightful to have the ancient rivalry between Washington and Baltimore revived. It existed a long time ago to a degree that was almost dangerous, but never in American as experience. gree that was almost dangerous, but never in American Association or National League times. There has been no ammunition for it of late years, but new there is volcano in Washington and a dynamit magazine in Baltimore. There's fun ahead.

AMATEUR BASE BALL TAKEN UP. mateur Athletic Union Disqualifying

Players Who Accept Pay. The Amateur Athletic Union's lates move is in taking smateur base ball under its protecting wing, as it recently has basket ball, billiards and hockey. In explaining the matter, Secretary J. E. Sullivan

"Like basket ball, billiards and hockey, amateur base ball has hitherto been per mitted to run itself, and the Amateur Athletic Union, in the interest of pure sport, has assumed control of it. Our idea is that all athletic clubs, members of the Amateur Athletic Union, will support us and will register their players without trouble. tsur Athletic Union, will support us and will register their players without trouble. All other outside clubs will be asked to register their men, and if they refuse they will be disqualified. By this we do not mean that we will pursue every amateur ball club, for that would entail a fearful amount of work for our committee, but we intend to go after the clubs of known standing, which profess to come within the amateur rule, and yet violate it by hiring amateur rule, and yet violate it by hiring

amatsur rule, and yet violate it by hiring players outright.

"As far as collegians are concerned, I wish to say that we have no idea of interfering with them while they are actually in college, but when they have graduated and have become members of various athletic club teams, then they will come under the jurisdiction of the Amateur Athletic Union. If we learn that a number of letic Union. If we learn that a number of ex-college men are playing on a team at Cap: May, for instance, or in a league in the Adirondacks, or at the summer resorts in the White mountains and elsewhere, we will promptly ask them to fill out our registration blanks, and if they come up to the requirements they will be sanctioned as a team to play ball for one year, when they will have to go through these properties. will have to go through the same process

C. A. C. ELECTION.

It Will Be Held Next Wednesday Evening.

The annual election of officers and mem bers of the board of governors of the Coumbia Athletic Club will be held in the club house Wednesday, February 9. The polls will be open from 3 o'clock until 9. For the first time in several years there is considerable rivalry for the various positions to be filled, and with the exceptions of president and vice president there is a fight all along the line. The efficiency of the present occupant of the president's chair is so generally conceded that there is no candidate against him. The vice president is also sure of re-election as there is in his case no rival candidate.

The nominations for the various offices are as follows:

For president, Jas. K. Redington; for vice president, Lester S. Fisher; for secretary, Chas. H. Bates and H. S. Flynn; for treasurer, Wm. R. King, M. D., and A. H. Floeckher; for captain, S. W. Stinemetz and J. R. Elder; for lieutenant of gymnasium, T. B. Nolan and W. M. Mooney; for lieutenant of boating, C. W. Hecox and E. B. O'Leary; for members of the board of governors, to serve two years (three to be elected), E. G. Schafer, H. C. C. Stiles, W.-R. Speare, Fred. S. Smith, Dr. P. M. Ward and A. H. Bald-

WORKING FOR GOOD ROADS. Plan of the Maryland Division of the

The Maryland Division, League of American Wheelmen, through Messrs. Lawrence S. Smith and Samuel M. Warns, are doing good work toward securing the necessary legislation in order to have better roads in Maryland. Mr. Smith, who has charge of the state "press bureau," has syndicated about 110 daily and weekly newspapers published in all parts of the state. Every few days articles advocating good roads and calling upon every one to lend his or her moral support are published in these papers, thereby making the subject of road improvements a matter of discussion throughout the state. The legislative committee is daily in receipt of letters from farmers commending the work which is being car-

Mr. Warns' part of the work consists in writing letters to the members of the legislature and to those who have influence with them, and much good has been accomplished. Several days ago 2,500 letters were mailed to all parts of the state by Messrs. Smith and Warns. The committee has thus far, it is approximated, sent out 6,000 letters. Chief Consul Laws has been to Annapolis several times lately been to Annapolis several times lately, making arrangements for the introduction of the bill which the cyclers will offer and securing hearings before committees. Though there is considerable opposition to the bill, it is thought that it will undoubtedly be present.

Won by the W. A. C. The Interior Department and Washington Athletic Club basket ball teams played last night in the W. A. C. gymnasium, the

W. A. C. winning by 34 to 0. A large audience was present. The umpires were Messrs. Crupper and Myers; timekeeper, Mr. Edwards; scorer, Mr. Giusta. The next game will be played Monday night in the Globe building, between the W. A. C. and the National Fencibles.

Basket Bali Tonight. The basket ball teams of the Century Cycle Club and the Light Infantry will

play a game tonight at the Light Infantry Armory. The game will be followed by an informal hop.

Alleged Duplication.

For the purpose of having the court di-rect that a certain alleged duplicate certificate be canceled, a bill in equity has been filed by the Continental Savings and Loan Association against Zeno B. Babbitt, Alon so H. Colver and Frank T. Evans. The certificate mentioned, it is explained, calls for shares in the association of the value

It is charged in the bill that Colver quired stock to the value of \$1,300, for which Evans, as secretary of the associawhich Evans, as secretary of the association, issued a certificate. It is claimed further that Evans and Colver conspired together and issued a duplicate of the certificate and pledged the same for a loan of \$300. When the loan became due, it is stated, payment was not made, and the certificate was sold to Dr. Zeno H. Babbitt. Dr. Babbitt presented the interest coupons for payment when they became due, and then it was, as set forth in the bill, the association first discovered that the certificate was a duplicate.

The St. James Gazotte says: H. C. Frick of Pittsburg, Pa., through his Paris agent, has purchased the masterpiece of Paschal Adolphe Jean Dagnan-Bouveret, the genre painter, entitled "Blessing the Bread."

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Installation of Officers by Subordinate Councils of the Order.

Officers of the subordinate councils of have been installed, as follows: Pioneer Council No. 1-John A. McLeat

patriarch; Joseph W. Nichol, past chief; J. McQuade, worthy chief; W. R. Benham, vice chief; Clarence E. McClure, reording secretary; E. J. Dowling, financial secretary; Wm. H. Norton, treasurer; Frank Gillin, guide; Geo. W. Rue, assistant guide; Norville K. Tabler, inside watchnan; C. B. Clark, outside watch; J. H.

man; C. B. Clark, outside watch; J. H. Mattingly, organist.
Centennial Council No. 4—Henry Yenney, patriarch; J. H. Specht, past chief; Jos. D. Steele, worthy chief; A. L. Edwards, vice chief; D. F. Brown, recording secretary; Wm. H. Young, financial secretary; G. G. Campbell, treasurer; Frank Norris, guide; J. F. Riley, assistant guide; I. F. Reeves, inside watch; H. A. Martin, outside watch; Prof. Garland, organist.
Spartan Council No. 5—James Loveless, patriarch; B. B. Thompson, past chief; H. C. Robinson, worthy chief; Henry Ehm, vice chief; Chas. R. Hodges, recording secretary; C. H. Moulton, financial secretary; John Humphrey, treasurer; G. B. Davis, guide; Thos. Humphrey, assistant guide; John Berry, inside watch; Geo. H. Cline, outside watch

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Good Will Council No. 9—J. G. Pumphrey, patriarch; J. H. Cook, past chief; J. J. Hayre, worthy chief; M. J. Mangem, recording secretary; J. H. Been, financial secretary; S. W. Deckman, treasurer; F. Hayre, guide; N. Gibbons, assistant guide; W. L. Hawkins, inside watch; Geo. Hayre, outside watch.

outside watch.

Hope Council No. 11—Chas. A. Sohns, patriarch; W. Caho, past chief; John Kiefer, worthy chief; Walter V. Harley, recording secretary; Edward Nye, financial secretary; J. E. Hibbs. treasurer; Chas. A. Caho, guide; Louis Myers, assistant guide; Edwin Raingh, inside watch; J. Cater, outside watch. utside watch.

side watch.

Empire Council No. 14—Wm. Ert, patriarch; Geo. W. Chandler, past chief; J. J. Spaulding, worthy chief; W. W. White, vice chief; Thos. W. Scott, recording secretary; Wm. B. Kelly, financial secretary; J. J. Cooksey, treasurer; Wm. B. Jones, guide; Chas. Bladen, assistant guide; Chas. McGowan, inside watch; Wm. Frost out-McGowan, inside watch; Wm. Frost, out ide watch

side watch.

Potomac Council No. 16—J. H. Cox, patriarch; John Billmyer, past chief; R. L. Ridgway, worthy chief; Wilmer Benjamin, recording secretary; E. Shugart, financial secretary; D. H. Beck, treasurer; Henry Demony, guide; Henson Krepps, assistant guide; James Roeder, inside watch; Jesse Shipe, outside watch shipe, outside watch.

Monumental Council No. 1—Wm. H. Mask, worthy chief; Louis Noll, vice chief; Edgar Herpel, recording secretary; Conrad Herpel, financial secretary; Joseph P. Wilbur, treasurer: Ches Hersel, Chas. Haschert, guide; F. A. assistant guide; Wm. T. New-Hopwood, assistant guide; Wm. T. New-ton, inside watch; Wm. H. Dushane, out-

LOFTIN'S OFFICE BOYCOTTED

Negro Postmaster at Hogansville Being Gradually Starved Out. A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun

from Hogansville, Ga., says Isaiah H. Loftin, the colored postmaster at that place, is earning on an average eleven cents a day, while his predecessor, under the Cleveland administration, never failed to make \$60 a menth, and frequently more. Several months ago Loftin took charge of the office, and soon afterward he said he

was shot while on his rear porch, as the result of an effort to bulldoze him into resigning. Since that time his salary has steadily decreased. When Loftin complained the United States officials sent inspectors and detectives here to ferret out his alleged assailants and devise some method by which the people could be forced to patronize tha post office. Loftin reported that letters

were mailed on the trains instead of pass

ing through the office, and as the postmas-ters at stations of this class are paid according to the amount of stamps they cancel, the slump in his salary can be un-An order was issued from the department o lock the boxes of the mail cars on their passage through Hogansville and for a day or two the authorities thought they had solved the problem of compelling the people to use the post office. But the business men had the mail of the town collected in one place and then intrusted it either to drummers or to friends who were going to some other station on the road. Once cut

of the limits of Hogansville, these persons would mail the letters on the cars, where the stamps would be canceled and Loftin would be left to depend for subsistence on the little business which originated with the local population of his tace. So systematic is this arrang ment that practically no business from any of the white people passes through the office, and Loftin, it is understood, has applied for another government position. Among the

people here it is considered only a question white republican will supplant him. Loftin is not even allowed to distribute mail. Each business man has placed an order with a young man of the town, who gets the mail from the postmaster, and it is distributed by the former official, J. F.

Old Firemen Say!!

that the first fifteen minutes of a fire often decides the fate of a building. It is the same with Grip and Colds, if you have "Seventy-seven" handy to take at the first sneeze or shiver. the disease is cut short. Whereas delay may mean Pneumonia.

Always have "77" handy for Coughs, Colds and La Grippe.

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